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PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the return of an indictment charging VICTOR DIPIETRO with multiple drug trafficking charges.¹

The indictment avers that on eleven separate occasions between February 2, 2005 and August 5, 2005, VICTOR DIPIETRO distributed pounds of marijuana, ounces of cocaine or both, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The indictment avers that six of drug transactions took place within 1,000 feet of a Catholic elementary school. The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of \$29,890 in proceeds obtained by VICTOR DIPIETRO.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
VICTOR DIPIETRO	PHILADELPHIA, PA	25 years old

The indictment charges the defendant with the following offenses:

- Count 1 - Distribution of approximately 444 grams of marijuana on February 2, 2005.
- Count 2 - Distribution of approximately 428 grams of marijuana on February 7, 2005.
- Count 3 - Distribution of approximately 428 grams of marijuana on February 7, 2005 within 1,000 feet of a school zone.
- Count 4 - Distribution of approximately 54.7 grams of cocaine on March 2, 2005.
- Count 5 - Distribution of approximately 442 grams of marijuana on March 30, 2005.
- Count 6 - Distribution of approximately 442 grams of marijuana on March 30, 2005 within 1,000 feet of a school zone.
- Count 7 - Distribution of approximately 28 grams of cocaine on April 19, 2005.
- Count 8 - Distribution of approximately 432 grams of marijuana and 54.8 grams of cocaine on May 5, 2005.
- Count 9 - Distribution of approximately 432 grams of marijuana and 54.8 grams of cocaine on May 5, 2005 within 1,000 feet of a school zone.

¹ An indictment or information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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- Count 10 - Distribution of approximately 442 grams of marijuana and 27.7 grams of cocaine on June 9, 2005.
- Count 11 - Distribution of approximately 442 grams of marijuana and 27.7 grams of cocaine on June 9, 2005 within 1,000 feet of a school zone.
- Count 12 - Distribution of approximately 2,222 grams of marijuana on June 23, 2005.
- Count 13 - Distribution of approximately 888 grams of marijuana on June 23, 2005 within 1,000 feet of a school zone.
- Count 14 - Distribution of approximately 130 grams of cocaine on July 8, 2005.
- Count 15 - Distribution of approximately 128 grams of cocaine on July 26, 2005.
- Count 16 - Distribution of approximately 128 grams of cocaine on July 26, 2005 within 1,000 feet of a school zone.
- Count 17 - Distribution of approximately 127 grams of cocaine on August 5, 2005.

If convicted the defendant faces the following maximum possible sentences on each count:

- Counts One, Two, Five, and Twelve: 5 years imprisonment, 2 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and forfeiture.
- Counts Three, Six, and Thirteen: 10 years imprisonment, 4 years supervised release, a fine of \$500,000, a mandatory minimum of 1 year, and forfeiture;
- Counts Four, Seven, Eight, Ten, and Fourteen, Fifteen and Seventeen: 20 years imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a \$1,000,000 fine and forfeiture.
- Counts Nine, Eleven and Sixteen: 40 years imprisonment, 6 years supervised release, a \$2,000,000 fine, a mandatory minimum of 1 year imprisonment, and forfeiture.

The case was investigated by Federal Bureau of Investigation the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Frank A. Labor III

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